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1. IN PREPARATION FOR AMB'S VISIT AND IN ANTICIPATION THAT AMB WILL RAISE WITH US AND THE DCI ELECTION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, WE ARE PREPARING BRIEFING PAPER TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. LEAVING ASIDE THE SPECIFIC TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS (SEPARATE MESSAGE TO FOLLOW) WE HAVE SKETCHED BELOW THE GIST OF THIS BRIEFING PAPER.

2.A. AS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED ELECTION PROGRAM WAS MINOR COVERT PART OF TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT PACKAGE INVOLVING PRINCIPALLY OVERT EFFORT TO SHORE UP MODERATE FORCES OF CHILE [REDACTED] COVERTLY, THE POSTURE WOULD BE TO HELP MODERATES OF THE PDC, PN, AND PR IN 1969. THIS LOOSE POSTURE AS BETWEEN THE THREE POLITICAL PARTIES WAS DESIRABLE IN ABSENCE OF CLEAR-CUT CHOICE FOR 1970 WHICH IS REAL TEST FACING THE U.S. IN CHILE. BY HELPING MODERATES OF 3 PARTIES IT WAS EXPECTED

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THAT THIS WOULD CORRESPONDINGLY INCREASE OPPOSITION TO THE ELECTION OF A POPULAR FRONT CANDIDATE AND, IF ONE SHOULD BE ELECTED, OPPOSE HIM IN THE CONGRESS.

B. WE HAVE SEEN CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE SINCE FEBRUARY WHICH HAVE AFFECTED PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELECTION PROGRAM CONCEPT. (1) ONE SUCH CHANGE (WHICH WAS REPORTED TO THE 303 COMMITTEE IN AUGUST'S PROGRESS REPORT) TOOK NOTE OF A CHANGE IN EMBASSY/STATION ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE RADICAL PARTY WHICH THEREAFTER WOULD BE CONSIDERED ESSENTIALLY AS HOSTILE AND IN PURSUIT OF AN ALLIANCE WITH THE FRAP FOR 1970. (2) PRIOR TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND THE FIRING OF CHONCHOL, THERE HAVE BEEN THREE MAJOR NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS INSOFAR AS THE PDC AND ELECTION PROGRAM ARE CONCERNED. FIRST, TOMIC AS PARTY FRONT-RUNNER FOR 1970 AFTER HIS RETURN TO CHILE SERIOUSLY MOVED TOWARDS AN ALLIANCE WITH THE PCCH; SECOND, IN AUGUST THE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP FELL BACK INTO LEFTIST HANDS; THIRD, IN OCTOBER THE

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PDC AS A PARTY ADOPTED BOTH TOMIC'S POLITICAL STRATEGY AND AN ECONOMIC PROGRAM IN CONSONANCE WITH ITS MOST PRO-MARXIST ELEMENTS.

(3) FINALLY, DURING THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS THE ANTI-PDC AND ANTI-MARXIST CANDIDACY OF ALESSANDRI FOR 1970 HAS BEEN FLOURISHING ACCORDING TO ALL OBSERVERS. DESPITE ALESSANDRI'S INDEPENDENCE THIS DEVELOPMENT DOES AFFECT THE NATIONAL PARTY AND ITS RELATION TO THE ELECTION PROGRAM.

C. IN LIGHT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS IT WOULD APPEAR THAT OUR OPTIONS FOR ACTION HAVE BEEN NARROWING AND THAT WE ARE ESSENTIALLY IN THE FOLLOWING POSITION: (1) ELECTION PROGRAM IS NOW BASICALLY

-ORIENTED BY VIRTUE OF BOTH THE PREPONDERANCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT WE WILL PROVIDE CANDIDATES _____ AND THE PROPAGANDA CLIMATE _____

_____ IN FACT, PROPAGANDA RATHER THAN SELECTIVE SUPPORT HAS BECOME THE PRIMARY THRUST OF THE EFFORT. (2) _____

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[REDACTED]) SOME [REDACTED] CANDIDATES
WILL BE AIDED INDIRECTLY THROUGH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BUT
THIS WILL BE MINOR. (4) WE ARE BUILDING WHAT MIGHT EVENTUALLY
BECOME A PRO-ALESSANDRI MACHINE FOR 1970.

WITH REGARD RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN POC
3. / WE WOULD ~~ALSO~~ APPRECIATE YOUR CANDID ASSESSMENT OF
PRESIDENT FREI'S LATEST MOVES AND AN ASSESSMENT AS TO WHAT THIS
MEANS IN PRACTICAL TERMS FOR U.S. INTERESTS IN 1969 AND 1970.

4. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS, By 1200 Hours 18 NOV.

END OF MESSAGE

WH Comment: Reports that Amb wishes to visit Headquarters for
a meeting with [REDACTED] and briefings
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William V. Broe
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